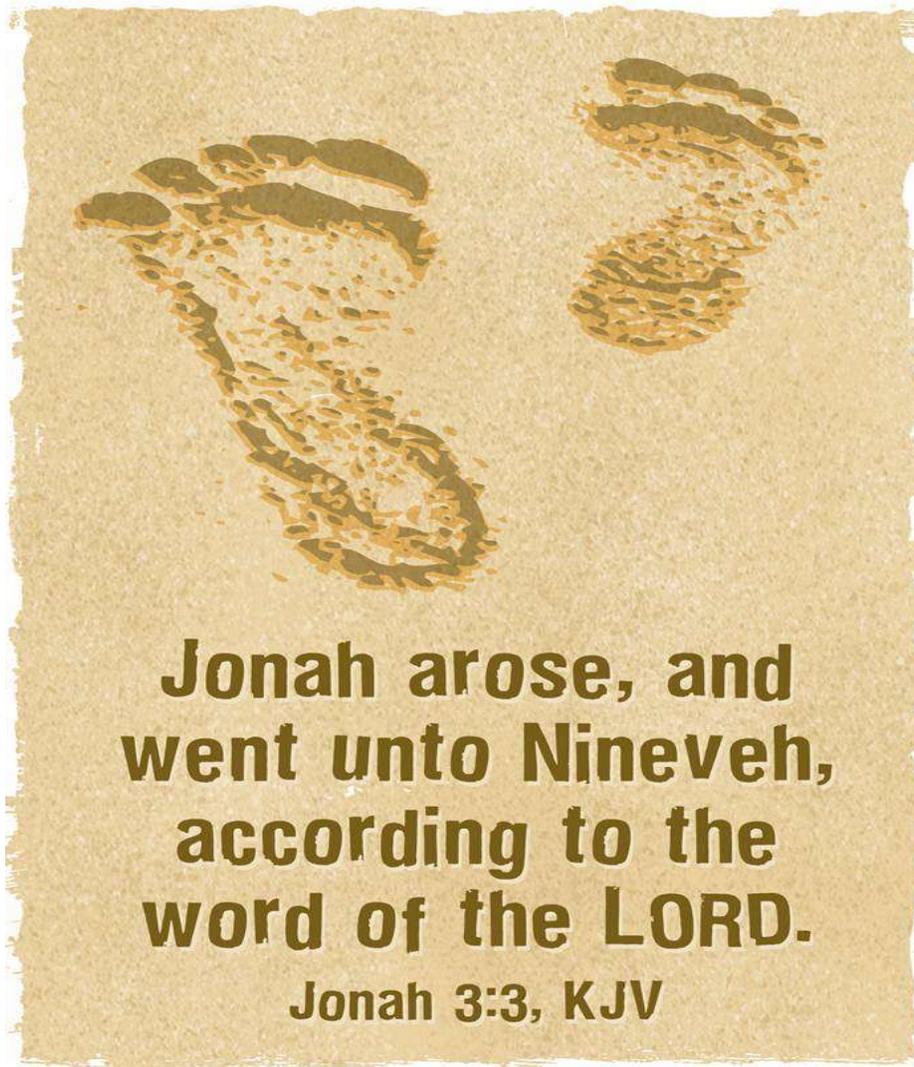


TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 21, 2024

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



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A Church for all People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

() Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

Facemasks are currently optional. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

Health and Safety Committee.

Preparation for the Word

"The good news is that with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, ordinary people can do extraordinary things."

Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, African American History and Devotions

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude

Song Without Words

Darwin Wolford

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Iona Community, Scotland

Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God.

Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will be given. Kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbors, to our foes, to our friends, to our loved ones all, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

We are here to glorify you, O God.

Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us; Jesus calls us.

We are here to serve you, O God.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Prayer of Confession

Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! By grace, God enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: the haves and have-nots; makers and takers; bigots and bystanders; self-starters and subordinates; law-abiders and illegals; the perpetrators and the innocent.

We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truth and unmasking idolatries.

Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news once more.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Let us receive this gift of God's grace: we are forgiven and set free to love.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Praise 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Anthem

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen
Arr. Sumner Salter

Time with the Children

Pastor Mark Harper

Second Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Sacred Stubbornness

Rev. Mark Harper

***Hymn 697 (vs.1-3) Take My Life**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. John Seaman

Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat Box"

Prayers will also be invited from the congregation.

Prayer Response: God of Justice, Grant us Mercy

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,

and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours now and
forever.

Amen.

The Offering Invitation

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to
our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer
thanks for each other's gifts.*

Offertory

Andante in A

Adolf Hesse

***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives.

Renew us by your good news.

Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation,
as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 726 (v.1-4) Will You Come and Follow Me**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Marche Royale

Jean Baptiste Lully

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Scott Ward, Liturgist

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

Erol Kalayoglu, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

**** Zoom events**

Monday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, January 23, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual coffee hour**
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team meeting**
Wednesday, January 24, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Friday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.	Men's Gathering
Sunday, January 28, 9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (<i>hybrid</i>)
Sunday, January 28, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+Please continually pray for peace - - in our homes, in our lives, neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+ **With gratitude** to our Pastor, Session, Ministries, Deacons, and Committees; it now is time to put on record our achievements of 2023. It is time for the Annual Report.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** of TPPC will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024. **Annual Reports** are due from all Ministries and Committee leaders by Thursday, January 18, 2024, and preferably, no later than **Monday January 22, 2024**, so that they will be compiled, prepared, printed, and distributed before the meeting, on February 4. Please send your reports to the Clerk of Session, Kurt Lawson, as soon as you can.

Your help will be much appreciated in getting this done on time. **Thank you.**

+ Our annual **Church Polar Bear Plunge** team is forming up now in preparation for the **February 10th** dip in the Potomac River to fight climate change. This year we are also honoring the memory of church member David Olson.

To join the plunge, access the TPPC Polar Bear Plunge page (<http://tinyurl.com/TPPCPolarBear2024>) and select the button "Join the Plunge Team." It's an amazing experience on the beach at National Harbor. You'll love it and the money you raise benefits both the TPPC Social Witness in Action Committee as well as the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

If you'd rather donate to another church plunger that is also fine.

Hope you will join us on February 10th! Mike Tidwell.

+**The Deacons** are called to a ministry of "compassion, witness, and service" in the life of the Church. Please contact the Deacons with any suggestions or requests concerning care of the people in the congregation and within the community.

+TPPC is again joining with **Christ Congregational Church** this winter/spring to offer the **Our Whole Lives curriculum to young people** in our congregations. **OWL** focuses on building age-appropriate knowledge, self-esteem, and tools for healthy relationships and self-care as kids go into and through adolescence.

This year, there will be two classes - one for kids in 4-6 grades and one for kids in 7-10. Classes will be at CCC on Sunday nights, 6 to 7:30 PM.

There will be a parent-only information session for the 4-6 grade class at CCC on January 28 at 6 PM (9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring). Orientation for parents and kids will be February 4, and the first class will be February 25.

This is a terrific, fun, and fully inclusive curriculum!

If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth Hastings at owl@takomaparkpc.org. The sign-up link is here -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvzyP4jHtY4ARRQjtUdm8SEY9Yjgb_qHAWAtUB_i2wUcMHQA/viewform

+The Wilhelmina and Stanley Jashemski Memorial Scholarship

Wilhelmina and Stanley Jashemski, long time members of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, sponsored a Sunday school forum in which young adults could explore their faith in an intellectually challenging environment. Their shared commitment to encourage the development of people with potential for inspired, enlightened leadership is reflected in the goals and purposes of the Fund.

The Scholarship provides financial assistance for students of outstanding intellectual ability as evidenced by prior academic performance, and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a religious body, regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry.

Deadline for applications is February 15. For more information, please see <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/jashemski-scholarship>. Questions can be directed to Jashemski@takomaparkpc.org

+ Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,
310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

+We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc>:

Questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+Do you feel called to serve the church in new ways?

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for a two-year position on Session, the governing body of our church. As a member of Session, or Ruling Elder, you would serve alongside 11 fellow Elders to set church policy, support the ministries of the church, manage the buildings and finances, and tend to the spiritual life of our congregation. The experience is both challenging and rewarding, and there are no special requirements to serve. If you'd like to learn more, let me know and I can connect you with current and past Elders. Nominations are open to all members, and you may nominate yourself.

Thank you for considering this opportunity; please contact me with nominations or questions. Cynthia Barron.

+In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church invites the congregation and wider Takoma Park Community to three Sunday morning discussions of King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture "The Quest for Peace and Justice."

Discussions will take place in the church parlor and on zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/TPPCSundayBibleStudy> from 9:30-10:50 am.

Topics include:

January 14--Racial Justice;
January 21-- Poverty; and
January 28--War.

You can read the lecture:

<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/lecture/>.

Excerpts are at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1He8x9iwHo61jwa5U0-hl7TsbJPHYHd87/edit>

STAFF

2024

Rev. Mark Harper -	Pastor markharper@takomaparkpc.org
Dr. James Bingham -	Director of Music
Joanna Tipton -	Bookkeeper
Gary Cardillo -	Buildings Manager
Miliadi Rodas-Cruz	Nursery Assistant
Sabrina Tyson	Nursery Assistant
Una Kettering	Office Administrator

Parish Associates	Rev. Rev. John Seaman Rev. Carolyn Tilley
Parish Assistant	Rev. Eugene Eastman
Greeter	Isaac Frazer
Treasurer	Aggie Patti

SESSION

Clerk of Session - Kurt Lawson

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Phil Boyer	Samuel Kalibala	Kathy Belyeu
Jean Dickey	Karol Keane	Kurt Lawson
Rebecca Woodings	Thomas Showalter	Roger Griffis
Alphonso Williams		George Martin

DEACONS

Moderator of Deacons - Lisa Kiely

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Madline Morsha Taylor	Ethan Bailey	Neel Hunter
Brian Forbin	Carol Christensen	Cynthia Barron
Lisa Kiely	Martha Kiger	Madeline Lindvall

Note: Elders and Deacons listed here take office in February.

About our Church

+ **We welcome visitors to worship with us.** We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us this day. The gospel that we share and serve is a message of life and rebirth, love and reconciliation, hope and joy, peace and justice, and concern for the integrity of creation. If you are looking for a church home for your spiritual journey and service to God, we invite you to be our guest as often as possible as you discern if this is the faith community to which God is calling you.

+ **A Hearing System** is available for those who need it. See one of the greeters to get earphones.

+ **TPPC** welcomes **families** with infants and children to our worship services. The following are options for families:

- A **Nursery** is available for **infants through 3** years old, 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. in the Teddy Bear Room on the lower level of the education building (our greeters/ushers will direct you there.)
- Children are invited to come forward for the “**Time with Children**” afterwards, pre-school and elementary age children are invited upstairs in the education building for Bible story movies followed by free play time. Your infant or small child is welcome to stay with you in worship. If the child becomes uncomfortable and needs care during the service, feel free to leave the sanctuary. There is a changing table and rocking chair in the room next to the exit door on the left of the sanctuary. Books to share with your children are in the back of the sanctuary. Please do not leave your child unsupervised at the back of the sanctuary.

+ **In our worship**, we seek to use **inclusive language** in hymns, prayers and Scripture lessons. If you find gender specific words in hymns or other text that cause you difficulty, please feel free to make appropriate substitutions.